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- 25X1 1. [redacted] Batumi in [redacted] January 1954. The pier
 25X1 [redacted] is marked "C" on the sketch on page 2. There was
 25X1 room only for [redacted] ship, which was 424 feet long. [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 [redacted] The pier had been recently repaired. It had a wooden surface,
 25X1 which rested on concrete piles. Trucks drove to the very edge of the pier. A
 25X1 short distance in on the pier, there was a railway track. The tracks were raised
 25X1 above the surface of the pier. [redacted] a freight train 25X1
 25X1 went up to the warehouses marked "J" on the sketch.
2. The average loading capacity was 150 tons per hour. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]
3. There were two floating cranes in the southeastern section of the harbor, at "H"
 25X1 on the sketch. [redacted] the lifting capacity of the larger crane to
 25X1 be 50 tons; the other crane was somewhat smaller. [redacted] the 25X1
 25X1 cranes were mounted on lighters, which could not move under their own power. The
 25X1 cranes were not in use.
4. There were three merchant ships at Neftyanoy Mol. A Soviet tanker lay at the
 25X1 outermost loading place, marked "D" on the sketch. There were two [redacted]
 25X1 tankers at the inner loading places, marked "E" and "F" on the sketch.
5. There was a Soviet passenger vessel of about 13,000 tons at the pier which is
 25X1 marked "A" on the sketch. [redacted] this vessel [redacted] the ODESSA.
 25X1 At "B" on the sketch, there was another Soviet passenger vessel of about 8,000
 25X1 tons. Both vessels were light gray in color and they had a red stripe around their
 25X1 stacks.
6. Only one large tug was seen in the harbor. It was used to maneuver tankers. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] the tug could develop 600 or 700 horsepower.
7. At the jetty at the entrance to the harbor, directly opposite Neftyanoy Mol, there
 25X1 were five or six small naval vessels. They looked like large MTBs. Each vessel
 25X1 had one small gun on its foredeck. However, one of the vessels had no armament
 25X1 and appeared to be completely new. It was [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 [redacted] manned. [redacted] 25X1

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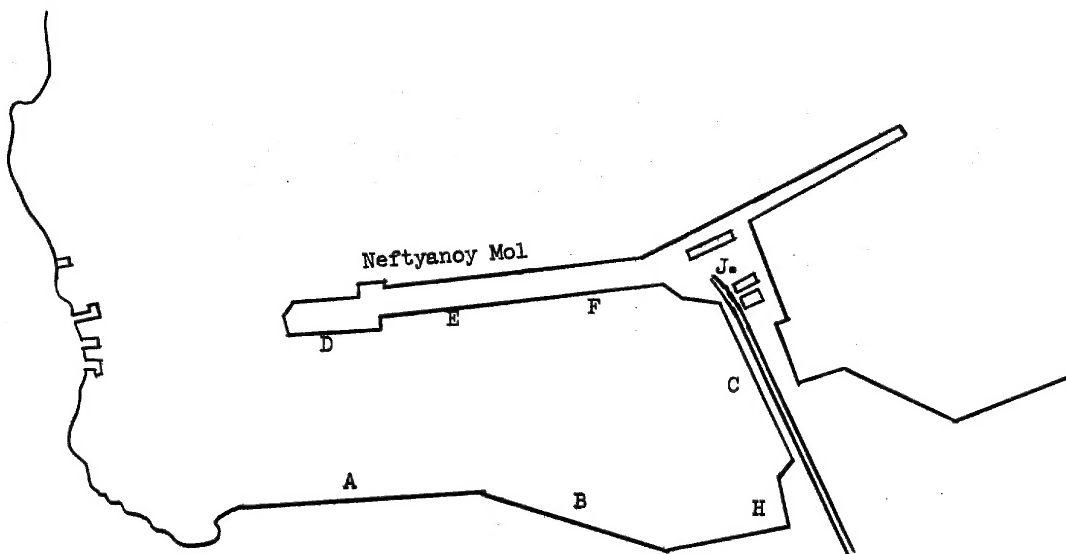
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Sketch of Batumi Harbor:



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